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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please
amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked up copy of the amended
specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 3-19, with the following:

Figure 5(a) shows a typical overlay displacement vector 502 representing the
x-shift and y-shift vector overlay error associated with a misaligned frame-in-frame
alignment attribute. In some cases the overlay error can be measured using special
in-situ exposure tool metrology See Direct-referencing automatic two-points reticle-
to-wafer alignment using a projection column servo system, *supra*. Many

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment with an attachment of marked up paragraphs for filing in connection with the above-identified application. Because this Preliminary Amendment is filed prior to receipt of a first office action on the merits in the above-referenced application, no fee is due. However, should it be determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1213, as stated below:

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 in connection with this paper or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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